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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2003, wherein the Examiner renumbered the claims; rejected Claims 18-34, 42-48, 50, 52, 53, and 55-60 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Fujita, U.S. Patent No. 5,875,758; and rejected Claims 35-41, 49, 51, 54, 61, and 62 as unpatentable under Section 103(a) as obvious over Fujita, U.S. Patent No. 5,875,758 in view of Mehne, U.S. Patent No. 5,992,369.

In response, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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